

## Abraham Lincoln papers

From George Opdyke et al. to Abraham Lincoln, November 28, 1863

New York, November 28, 1863

Sir:—

A public meeting of citizens will be held at Cooper Institute on Thursday Evening next, the 3rd December, in response to your call on the Nation for additional volunteers.

We beg leave, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, to invite you to be present and to Encourage by your voice the active efforts of the loyal men of this City in support of the Union Cause.

We need scarcely say that your compliance will afford the highest gratification to the people of this city.<sup>1</sup>

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1 Lincoln wrote to Opdyke, et al. on December 2 and declined the invitation. A draft of Lincoln's letter is in this collection.

With High Respect

George Opdyke

Josh Sutherland

Benj F. Manierre

Prosper M. Wetmore

Spencer Kirby